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Title: Community information session on Portland Harbor Cleanup, August 22, 5pm

Dear Editor,

Articles concerning the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Portland Harbor cleanup site appeared in the July 26 and August 9 issues of the *St. Johns Review*. The EPA will hold a community information session on August 22 at the BES Water Lab, 6543 N Burlington Avenue. Open House will begin at 5pm and we'll be available to meet community members, answer your questions and provide Portland Harbor cleanup fact sheets. The information session will begin at 5:30pm. The purpose of the session is to clarify information related to confined disposal facilities and answer some questions received from the community. Portland Harbor fact sheets and frequently asked questions on confined disposal facilities are available on the EPA website www.epa.gov/region10/portlandharbor and http://www.epa.gov/region10/pdf/ph/sitewide/cdf_qanda_fs_011412.pdf

Please contact Alanna Conley at 503-326-6831 for hard copies of fact sheets or meeting details.

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Toxic Waste Dumps coming to the River in North Portland

By Barbara Quinn

The Environmental Protection Agency, in charge of North Portland's superfund site (on the 11 miles of the Willamette River between the Steel Bridge and Kelley Point,) recently informed the citizen advisory of a new plan for the proposed toxic dump sites at T-4's slip 1 in St. Johns and in the Swan Island lagoon.

The toxic waste dumps, known as "confined disposal facilities" (CDFs), were originally proposed several years ago and approved by the EPA in the face of nearly unanimous community opposition. The update is that the sites, rather than being filled only with "non-soluble" toxins, will now accept a large range of sediment contaminants including polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), metals (mercury, cadmium, chromium, lead and zinc), pesticides (DDT, DDD, DDE), phthalates and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T also known as agent orange, among others. EPA reps assure us, however, that the most toxic contaminants will be placed "toward the back."

The dump in St. Johns could include nearly 1-million cubic yards of contaminated sediment and Swan Island Lagoon

could hold more than 1.3 million cubic yards. Together they are large enough for nearly all the toxins on the lower Willamette River. Sean Sheldrake of the EPA said the criteria for acceptance of toxins is undecided at this point and treatment methods of the most volatile chemicals is unknown because it's "hard to predict what's most cost effective." He said it is difficult for industry to wait for testing or treatment of contaminants because "...if you treated that barge of sediment and then have to park the barge for staging and wait" it's costly and time-consuming. Although CDFs in general were initially seen only as an interim measure for no more than a 10-year period according to the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, they have become an increasingly popular choice all over the country. Various

clean-up methods have been demonstrated to be technologically feasible, yet the storage of chemical contaminants in a CDF is a comparatively less costly. A study done by the US Federal Government, however, found that three out of four hazardous waste disposal facilities are located in low-income, or minority communities. These communities often lack the political power necessary to keep the waste facilities out of their neighborhoods. Even worse, many of these communities are never involved in the planning of the waste facilities (Bryant, 2003). Indeed, lost in the CDF process appears to be North Portland and Linnton community stakeholders and the citizens of the advisory, the majority of whom do not support the current plan.

And there is reason to be alarmed.

T-4, slip one, with no lining, would be filled with dredged contaminants and separated from the Willamette

River only by a sand/dirt berm the

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As a gift to Tina Kotek, lawmakers donate to the Roosevelt Scholarship fund

The Oregon House of Representatives, on behalf of Oregon House Speaker Tina Kotek, contributed \$1,200 to the Theodore Roosevelt Women's Scholarship Association in the final day of the 77th Legislative Session this month.

In the traditional end-of-session recognition of the House of Representatives' leader, legislators personally donated to the effort of helping support the scholarship fund for successful Lady Rough Riders at Roosevelt High School.

"I'm very touched by the generosity of my colleagues, and I'm thrilled to see such a wonderful contribution being made to help high-achieving women graduating from Roosevelt," said Kotek. "My dedication this session to passing the strongest K-12 budget possible came from my desire to strengthen our local schools. This gift is like icing on the cake."

The Theodore Roosevelt Women's Scholarship Association is a

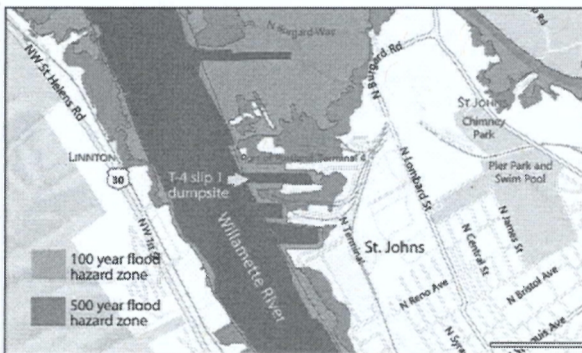
nonprofit scholarship fund started in 1990 by former Roosevelt Principal George Galati. Ninety students have been the recipient of the scholarship fund totaling over \$145,000 to assist them in their education.

After expressing her gratitude to her colleagues for the gift, Kotek had two parting words for them.

"Go Roughriders!"



Representative and House Speaker, Tina Kotek (a North Portland resident) received a donation from her assembly for the Roosevelt Women's Scholarship Fund.



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A Pier Park Story - Part II

The Roll-Over

As mentioned in the previous article, (#14 July 12, 2013 issue) the area between Pier Park and Columbia Boulevard was barren and very rural until several decades ago. Today, it is nearly impossible to get a grasp on what the area looked like when these stories were occurred. I recently returned to the space with Steve Satterlund to try and find remains of where we did so much crazy activity. Surely, I thought, there *must* be reminders of where we romped; there *had* to be something to give us a guiding light to the scene of the crime. We cruised for a half hour looking for landmarks or obvious spots that we could easily reference and use as a chaperon for this article. I needed something to



By Jim Speirs
Historical Editor
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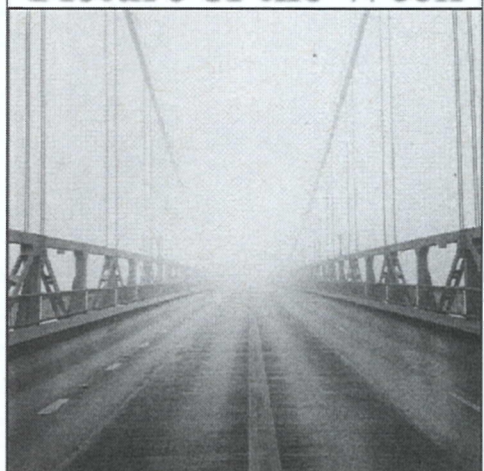
give it life! Alas, we looked in vain, for all that's there is the massive housing complex which stands on the grounds of what was once the St. Johns Wood housing project - one of the larger Kaiser Towns that were sprinkled throughout North Portland. The sprawling compound also covers the track that I'll reference for this article.

The remnants of St. Johns Wood (the former Kaiser Town,) still had occupants back then, but the place was seedy at best and there was always a police presence near the spot. What happened behind the wall of the complex is best left to the imagination, but John Steinbeck would have felt right at home in the run-down, decaying shambles. Whether the dwellers of the crumbling mess were legitimate renters or squatters was not known, and the thought of asking never occurred to me.

Refugees clinging to the remains

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Picture of the Week



This picture was taken by David McHenry on 5-5-2013.

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St. Johns fire hydrants get a facelift and a special blue patch

Story and Photo by
Joshua Guerra
Main Street

Before



After



Have you noticed anything different about the fire hydrants in downtown St. Johns? In June, members of the St. Johns Main Street Design committee volunteered over a weekend to clean, prime, and repaint city fire hydrants along Lombard in the Main Street district.

Using the spray paint colors the City of Portland specified, the volunteers first cleaned the 18 existing hydrants, brushing off years of grime and chipped paint. The next step was to apply primer to each one and finally applying two coats of the OSHA Orange color, and the OSHA Red and Black colors as well.

In addition to repainting the fire hydrants, the volunteers installed blue reflectors in the roadway at each hydrant location. Many other cities use these blue road reflectors to help fire fighters locate them easily while driving on streets at night. The City of Portland currently does not have blue reflectors as a city standard, so installing these blue reflectors makes downtown St. Johns the only area in Portland with this feature. All of the spray paint supplies were purchased using funds from the District Improvement Grant that St. Johns Main Street receives each year. The Fire Hydrant Project was one of four projects the Design Committee pursued for fiscal year 2012-13. The other three projects are new street trees, district sign toppers, and refurbished park benches, which will be re-installed soon.

The Design Committee would like to thank St. Johns Ace Hardware for selling many of the supplies with a generous discount, along with all of the efforts of volunteers from the community.

Community invited to join in the Columbia Slough Regatta

The Columbia Slough Regatta, the largest one-day paddle in Oregon, returns for its 19th anniversary on Sunday, July 28th from 9 am to 1 pm. The annual celebration of the Columbia Slough highlights recreation opportunities on this hidden gem of local waterways, and draws more than 400 participants for a morning of free paddling and fun.

This year's Regatta launches from the Multnomah County Drainage District Launch on 1880 NE Elrod Dr. Paddlers will travel east along the slough, home to great blue herons, river otters, beavers and more! On land, participants will have a chance to view Portland's cross levee system in action and learn how flood protection works in this area. Before and after paddling, participants can visit with local water and nature-based organizations and enjoy hands-on family activities. Free t-shirts and refreshments will be provided while supplies last.



If necessary, complimentary 45-minute canoe and kayak rentals are available through the Council, but advanced registration is required at www.columbiaslough.org. Life jackets and paddles are included with these rentals, which tend to fill up weeks in advance.

Participants with their own human-powered watercraft and safety equipment are welcome to come without reservations, and crews will be available to help unload and transport boats. The suggested donation of \$8 per person supports the

Columbia Slough Watershed Council's programs and events.

"The Regatta is a celebration I look forward to each year," said Susan Barthel, a long-time supporter of the Columbia Slough. "It's amazing how much free outdoor fun we have in the city!"

The Columbia Slough Watershed Council is a diverse group of neighbors, property owners, businesses, environmental advocates, recreation activists, and government agencies representatives. Its mission is: "To foster action to protect, enhance, restore, and revitalize the Columbia Slough and its watershed."

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EPA admits will leak toxins, but not enough to exceed "levels." The Swan Island lagoon's waste dump would be located in-water. Both would be sited within flood hazard areas: the 100 and 500 year flood boundaries as defined by the federal government. Both sites are also very near fault lines and have immediately adjacent land that would be critically affected by a large earthquake, according to the city's own hazard map. And the EPA region 10 does not have a reassuring record in regard to locating toxic waste dumps in flood zones. A study conducted by the National Academy of Science

cites a CDF failure in Silver Valley, Idaho during a 1997 flood event in which lead levels spiked to intensely high levels: "The EPA did not fully consider the importance of the interacting processes of surface and groundwater flow... because the basin has not been considered in the framework of a system and inadequate attention has been devoted to hydrologic and climatic variabilities, in particular, the CSMs [conceptual site models] seemingly are based primarily on average conditions." What do the Portland's citizens advisors prefer? They ask for a true clean up that will remove or treat contaminants

and make the Willamette River a place for North Portland citizens to safely fish, swim or sit on the beach like other communities can. Toxins should not be stored in dumps near communities and allowed to re-contaminate the River and air over time.

Join with us by signing a petition entitled: "Oregon State Land Board: Deny the creation of a Confined Disposal Facility at Terminal 4." For more information and to get updates about the process see www.portlandharborcag.info.

Sunday Parkways in North Portland



On Sunday, July 28 the streets in North Portland belonged only to those on wheels, (or those using just their legs,) as all enjoyed 9.5 miles of streets that were closed to cars for five hours. It was set under glorious skies for another, and even bigger, North Portland Sunday Parkway event. Picture courtesy James Moulton. More pictures on page 4.

Between Our Rivers



By Barbara Quinn
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Cost to businesses rather than science is the driving force for EPA superfund clean-up methods

Though the EPA is tasked with long-term protection of human health and the environment on North Portland's 11-mile section of the Willamette River, (listed as a superfund site,) it is getting pressure from large businesses, agencies and congressional leaders to choose the cheapest, fastest and consequently, least effective methods of clean up, such as the proposed toxic waste dumps at T4 in St. Johns and in the Swan Island lagoon. The reason cited is the economy. North and Northwest Portlanders, especially those who catch resident fish for subsistence, will be required to risk exposure to toxins if the clean up methods chosen by EPA are not lasting. It is

highly questionable that the faster, cheaper methods preferred by industry would even last through the next natural disaster similar to the 1996 flood. EPA decision making based on Science?

In the case of the toxic waste dump proposed at T4 in St. Johns, the EPA's decision-making process started with a proposal by

the Port of Portland based on its waning need for Slip 1 at T4, and their wish have it filled in order to gain more land. Since no part of the Willamette River including the slip can be filled due to current Department of State Lands law, the Port's solution was to use the special powers of EPA to override the law by proposing a superfund toxic waste dump to fill the slip,

and at the same time make additional industrial land available to itself. The Port will also save money by not having to transport its polluted sediments to a landfill and actually make money by charging other businesses to dump their toxic waste at Slip 1. EPA's response to this self-serving proposed "early action" seven years ago was to give the OK to the Port to start

designing the toxic waste dump amidst almost unanimous public opposition. The Port's design for the dump is now 60% complete.

The problem with EPA's decision-making process in this case is exactly the same one critiqued in the National Academy of Science 2005 study of Silver Valley,

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Haunted North Portland?

My recent writing regarding different apparitions, stories, rumors and histories of ghostly events in North Portland got me to wondering: are we unique, or is the entire consideration one of creative imaginations? Are the tales passed down through our peers a giant canard; one that's embellished with each telling, or is there something more to the story? Much of the telling and re-telling is a product of culture and generational thief. I decided to spend a little time at the Oregon Historical Society (OHS) a few days ago, my intent was to draw comparisons, and to see if we in North Portland were actually set apart and distinct from other areas of the city. Are we the specter? Are the peculiarities assigned to us real, or the by-product of futile fancies and years of lost anomalies?

My time at OHS was limited. The subject matter too esoteric to get

a handle on and the format of research limited to scattered information on hand. What I sought out was an idealized categorizing of events, one similar to a police mapping of crime activity; a grid map showing reported hauntings whether real or imagined. I wanted historical patterns. I was not successful and as a result, my search revealed nothing that would give me more than a vague answer and nothing that is statistically verifiable or definitively helpful. Much of the information depends on where you were raised, how you believe, and what you want to believe. As an example of this belief system, we can look at the dogmas of the Miami Indians. (The Miami tribe is not to be confused with the city, but a tribe from the Northeast, who were displaced in 1848 and barged to Kansas and then forced to Oklahoma. The name of Miami, Florida comes from the language



of the unrelated Calusa Indians.) The Miami Indians believe the Milky Way galaxy to be the spirit trail of their dead ancestors and that each star represents campfires of the dead. Most readers would dismiss this notion immediately, but for what remains of the Miami tribe, the belief is as real today as it was 400 hundred years ago. I guess you could call it star power. (The Miami Indians struggle to retain their lost identity. Their language is virtually gone, and few elders have the ability to teach the customs to what remains of the decimated tribe.) What this teaches all of us is the things we embrace as real or imaginary depends on many factors; where we were born, when we were born, where we were raised, what reli-

gious affiliations we accept, our parenting, and finally, our personal experiences and events we've witnessed for ourselves. Sitting in the middle of the research facility at OHS made me realize there was no possible way to break out the figures, to separate fact from fiction, or to compile a definitive answer to a question that has no answer. Still, readers ask for more, and for many, they want North Portland to be haunted. If it could be proven beyond a doubt, then it would provide further evidence why some people live here and would give additional impetus to creating a very different North Portland. After all, aren't we different? In many ways, especially politically and historically, the answer is yes; we want to embellish our uniqueness, and at some point we will use whatever is available to do so.

As with nearly all considerations of haunted apparitions, the tale

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Meetings / Event

KENTON

Kenton Neighborhood Garage Sale

Event will take place on Saturday, August 24. Sign up by Friday, August 16 to be a part of the first annual Kenton Garage Sale and be added to the map (cost is \$3). Email kentonsale@gmail.com.

Kenton Concerts in the Park

Concerts have been booked! Join us in Kenton Park for live music and good times. Thanks to all those who donated!

Soul Vaccination: Tuesday, August 13, 6:30pm

Dirty Martini Trio: Tuesday, August 20, 6:30pm

The My Oh Mys: Tuesday, August 27, 6:30pm

LINNTON

Meet neighbors at summer picnics

Three neighbor picnics will be held this summer in Linnton. The events are a great way in which to meet neighbors, let kids play together, and share community history and issues.

Burgers, hot dogs, sandwich fixings, and sodas will be provided by the neighborhood association. Bring your favorite dish, veggies, fruit, pasta, or dessert to the event.

The first picnic/potluck was held July 28. The next is the Linnton hill picnic on Saturday, August 17 at 2:00 p.m. hosted by Ed Jones and Jenny Cook in their yard at 10250 NW 110th Ave. accessed off 3rd Ave.

On Saturday September 7 is the Waldemere Hill picnic at the intersection of NW Hoge and Wilark.

Produce is provided by Kruger's Farm and Linnton Comm. Ctr. is providing tables and chairs. Donations will be asked to help cover costs.

PORTSMOUTH

Northenders Annual Picnic

The Northenders Annual Picnic will be Saturday, Sept. 7, 2013 at noon on the Lombard side of Columbia Park. Bring loved ones and food for the potluck to share. Your own plates & utensils, byol. Coffee free. \$5 per person helps pay for park rental/postage. Questions, call Duane 503-590-5201; Annie 503-292-1424. Bring your phone #/email or in the event you can't make it this year, call in your phone #/email for next year. Our event is always on the first Saturday after Labor Day — subject to availability.

ST JOHNS

Classic Car Cruise in planned at Patti's

The annual fund and food raising benefit for the emergency food pantry is being planned for August 10 from 3-10pm at Patti's Hometown Cafe in downtown St. Johns.

Plan on attending this fun event on August 10, 2013.

Golden Harvesters Open House & Garage Sale

Are you running out of cash for food before that next paycheck? With the cost of groceries going up are your food dollars being stretched to the limit? Golden Harvesters can help. You and the whole community is invited to come in and find out all about this Non-Profit. Members only Food Bank.

Golden Harvesters, Inc., located at 7410 N New York, in St Johns is holding an Open House and Garage Sale on August 10th. The hours are 9AM to 1PM. The Garage Sale is a Fund Raiser for Golden Harvesters Building Fund. There will be members available to explain how the program works. Come and get to know us, shop at the garage sale, and enjoy refreshments.

RHS Reunion

The 1951 RHS reunion committee

members are planning a 62nd year reunion for the graduates of the class of 1951 and their friends on Friday, August 16, 2013.

The committee has planned an afternoon lunch and program at the Multnomah Athletic Club. MAC is located in the heart of Portland at SW 19 and Salmon. There is free parking in the MAC parking garage which is located across the street south of the main entrance. Time is 12:30. Cost is \$30 per person. Email address: roosevelt@jetexped.com.

The above information has been mailed or emailed to the Review. The Review welcomes this type of information to share with readers. If you are having a free event, or an event for a non-profit, please send it to: PO Box 83068, Portland, 97283 or email to: reviewnewspaper@comcast.net.

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**North Portland Meetings**

Arbor Lodge Neighborhood Assn: Quarterly Meetings: 6:30-8pm, Kenton Firehouse, 2209 N. Schofield
Boy Scout Troop 52: Meets Tuesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Johns Christian Church, 8044 N. Richmond. We welcome boys ages 11-17. For membership info, contact Anthony at 503-913-7085.

Bridgeton Neighborhood Association: General Meeting: 3rd Mondays at 8pm, Port Yacht Club, 1241 NE Mar. Dr.

Cub Scout Pack 52: Meets Mondays at St. Johns Christian Church, 8044 N. Richmond.

East Columbia Neighborhood Assn: Meets the second Tuesday of each month from 7-8:30pm at the Columbia River RV Park Community Room, 10649 NE 13th.

Friends of Cathedral Park Neighborhood Assn: General Meeting: odd months at BES Water Lab; 7pm. Board Meetings on even months at St Johns McMenamins; 7:30. All meetings on 2nd Tuesdays of the month.

Friends of Pier Park: Meeting: Third Tuesday, 6:30pm at St. Johns Community Ctr., 8427 N Central

Hayden Island Neighborhood Network: Meetings: 2nd Thursday, 7pm, at former HIYC, 12050 N. Jantzen

Interstate Corridor Business Association: General Meeting: 1st Wed. every 3 mos., 8-9am @ Nite Hawk Restaurant, Rosa Parks Way & Interstate Ave.

Kenton Business Assn: 1st Thursday of the month, 9am at Kenton Firehouse 2nd fl. 2209 N. Schofield

Kenton Neighborhood Assn: Board Meetings: 2nd Wed., 7pm, Kenton Firehouse, 8105 N. Brandon

Linnton Neighborhood Association: Meetings: 1st Wed. of odd months; 7-9 at Linnton Comm. Ctr., 10614 NW St. Helens Rd.

North Portland Land Use Group: Meets 4th Thursday of the month at Kenton Firehouse, 8105 N Brandon. 7pm

Occupy St. Johns: Meets Weds. 7:00pm at Anna Bannanas, 8716 N Lombard

Overlook Neighborhood Assn: General Meetings: 3rd Tues of each month except Aug & Dec at Kaiser Town Hall, 7-9pm. Board Meetings: 1st Tues. each month at Overlook Hse, 3839 N. Melrose Dr.

Peninsula Optimist Club: Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays (except holidays) at noon at Christie's Restaurant, 5507 N. Lombard. General public is welcome to attend meetings to learn about the club. There will be a guest speaker at most meetings. Questions—contact Sharon at 503-490-2889.

Piedmont Neighborhood Assn: General Meeting: Jan. 24, 7-8pm, June Key Delta House., 5940 N. Albina

Portland Harbor Community Advisory Group: Meets August 14, 6-8pm at the Water Pollution Control Lab, 6543 N. Burlington Ave. Open meeting with public presentations regarding the Portland Harbor Superfund cleanup process and progress. Contact Chair Jim Robison at 503-285-4805 or email: jim@jimrobison.org.

Portsmouth Neighborhood Assn: Board Meeting: 3rd Tues of each month, 7-8:30, Bridge Meadows, Bridge Community Room, 8502 N. Wayland

Public Safety Action Committee: Meets 4th Wed. ea. mo., 7-9pm, Kenton Firehouse, 2209 N. Schofield. Contact: Mark Wells: markwells@portlandoregon.gov

St. Johns Boosters: Gen. Meets 3rd Tues of month, 7pm, Juniper & Rye at the Central Hotel, 8608 N Lombard. Light meal provided. Board Meeting: 1st Tues, 7pm at Patti's Home Plate Cafe, 8501 N. Lombard, no host provided.

St. Johns Lions Club: Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays each month at Patti's Deli, downtown St. Johns

St. Johns Main Street: Meets at 8250 N. Lombard. For more info go to: stjohnsmainstreet.org

St. Johns Neighborhood Association: General Meeting is 2nd Mon. at the St. Johns Community Ctr, 8427 N. Central.

University Park Business Association: Meets 3rd Mon., 6pm at: 5651 N. Lombard. Contact Dave at (503) 283-7767

University Park Neighborhood Association: Meets: January, April, July & October on 4th Monday, 7pm, Portsmouth Trinity Church, 7119 N. Portsmouth/Board Meeting: 2nd Monday, 7pm, Portsmouth Trinity Church.

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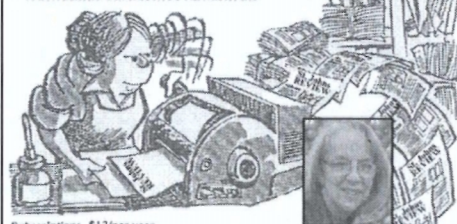
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Community News

RHS class of 1951 plan reunion

The Roosevelt High School class of 1951 is planning a special reunion get-together for former students and their friends on August 16 to celebrate their 62nd graduation date.

The event will be held at the Multnomah Athletic Club (MAC) at SW 19 and Salmon in downtown Portland. There is free parking in the MAC parking garage located across the street from the club on Salmon.

The get-together will start at 12:30 and cost is \$30 each. The committee has planned an afternoon lunch and program. For more information email: roosevelt@jetepited.com.

Superfund
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By Barbara Quinn

Idaho's toxic waste dump failure: they did not take into enough consideration the whole hydrological system of the area and the effect of unusual natural events.

In fact, the groundwater movement near the proposed St. Johns site is complex. Nearby was once Gatton Slough and there is evidence of a stream very near what is now Slip 1 according to a City map showing historic waterways. Though the waterways have been filled, groundwater movement still occurs. That matters when there's an unlined toxic waste site containing substances such as polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), metals (mercury, cadmium, chro-

St Johns Bridge closures continue until August 18

ODOT crews will continue to close the St. Johns Bridge for up to August 18 to re-tension the cables that help support the bridge.

The bridge has been closed to all travelers from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. since July 29.

The cables on the St. Johns Bridge equally distribute the weight of the bridge and the weight of vehicles using it. Over time, the cables become stretched and loose and need to be re-tensioned to specifications. To ensure all cables are tightened equally, travel cannot occur on the bridge during the work.

mium, lead and zinc), pesticides (DDT, DDD, DDE), phthalates and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T, among other toxins. It also matters that there are tidal effects transmitted up the Willamette River from the Columbia River. In fact, the confluence of the 10th largest river in the country, the Willamette, and the second largest river, the Columbia, is complex. According to the City's Environmental Services site: "This combination of large rivers interacting, dynamic geomorphology within a transitional landscape, and tidal effects transmitted up the Columbia from the ocean creates some of the most complex hydrology in the Willamette Basin...The extent of available information limits the degree to which the full complexity of these patterns can be described..." What the Citizen's Advisory Group prefers

Citizens prefer that decisions

During the closure, vehicles may take the following detours:

Eastbound motorists: U.S. 30 to Interstate 405 across the Fremont Bridge to northbound Interstate-5 to the Northeast Lombard Street off-ramp, exit 305A or exit 305B. Westbound motorists: Lombard Street on-ramp to I-5 southbound to I-405 southbound Fremont Bridge/U.S. 30 westbound, exit 302B.

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about clean up methods be based on solid science, not politics, and be designed for long-term effectiveness. That requires removal of contaminated sediments away from a complex river system prone to floods and earthquakes. The hazardous waste should be removed using hydraulic suction to limit stirring up toxins and either be treated, cleaned and returned to the river or transported to a landfill designed for hazardous substances. Leaving it in or near the water is a recipe for disaster.

Sign a petition against toxic waste dumps in North Portland online at "Oregon State Land Board: Deny the creation of a Confined Disposal Facility at Terminal 4," or sign a hardcopy petition at Peninsula Station, Patti's Homeplate Deli, St. Johns Booksellers or Wild Oak Natives at the St. Johns Farmer's Market.

Letters to the Editor

Thank You
Dear Editor,

I want to thank all the over 500 family and friends who attended my angel Sandy's memorial service on June 29th 2013, and for the food, flowers, cards, phone calls, and prayers for our family that we received during this very difficult time. Also to The Eagles Lodge 3426 Officers and members of the Aerie and Auxiliary for preparing and serving the wonderful food and setting up the hall and the video for the memorial.

I want to thank Sandy's primary care provider Dr. Fourtounis, and all the staff at Kaiser Interstate East, Sunnyside hospital, Emanuel hospital, Friendship house and Ft. Vancouver for their concern and loving care, they always provided for Sandy.

The family loved visiting with everyone and sharing your stories and memories of Sandy after the memorial. Thank you all of for being a part of our family and lives. Sandy is now our Heavenly Angel. Mike Fahey and family

Toxic Waste Dumps
Dear Editor,

I read with dismay the article in your last issue (July 26, 2013: Toxic Waste Dumps coming to the River in North Portland, by Barbara Quinn), on the toxic waste dumps to be placed in St. Johns.

In case the decision makers haven't heard, there are many superfund sites on this part of the river. Additionally, according to federal maps much of the area is a floodplain.

The EPA's assurance that the most toxic pollutant will be placed "toward the back" is laughable. Either they think we're really stupid or they have no grasp of the magnitude and complexity of the issue.

Dan Cadmus
N. Fortune Ave.

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Haunted North Portland: Continued from Page 1: By Jim Speirs

normally includes a great deal of allegorical information. Just as the hunt for extraterrestrials has proven near zero physical evidence, the search for Bigfoot remains a work-in-progress. The Yeti has still to be filmed, *Nos- tradamus* is a shamanist sage, and DB Cooper walks among us. We want to believe! There is no lack of qualified, sane and credible people who swear all of the above are real. And so it is with ghosts. While my surface research remains unconvincing, I can share a few details with readers that I know for a fact persist as part of our haunted heritage. I'm sure I'll omit some, but I do hope to clarify questions some readers repeatedly ask. It's fun, that much is certain; and no matter what I write, more readers approach me with tales of their own and additional bits of information they swear has relevance. All I can do to illuminate a few stories and to recount what I do know and hope it satiates the appetite of my followers. It is history, and it is North Portland, but believing it is something left to the reader, all I can do is weave the story.

There is statistical evidence of neighbors frequently coming to the North Portland Police Station for many years after the 1949 kidnapping, rape, and murder of Thelma Taylor under the St. Johns Bridge. Police folders (although long ago put in storage,) confirm this, and those documents tell of

people being terrified of the shrill, haunted cries for help from a tormented woman under the bridge. These were normal, everyday folks, many long-time residents of the area. Their terror was fueled by the inexplicable piercing screams that came from the area we now know as Cathedral Park where the murder occurred. As mentioned in earlier articles, the land was then a desolate expanse of brambles, huge over-grown blackberries, abandoned cars, acres of assorted trees, and deep, unkempt vegetation. It was not a place where couples walked for an enjoyable evening along the Willamette River! The wretchedness of the area only added to the mystery and this, coupled with the savagery of Taylor's death made for a haunting that caused several families to move far away from the location. These were stable folks, ones who had called St. Johns their home for decades. Police were baffled. They answered many calls for help from people who begged them to intercede, for something terrible was happening under the bridge. The Police responded, but only found the lonely howl of the wind, but more than one cop said there was an eerie feeling of being watched, and of being followed as they looked into the darkened tangle of the underside of the bridge. The straw which broke the back of one family who fled the area was this: they swore ghostly moans came from different locations under the bridge, but when the cry-

ing voice wailed "why didn't you help me," and did so repeatedly, the family had had enough. They left St. Johns and now live west of St. Helens and swore never to set foot in the area again. Several years ago, after I'd written the article "The Ghost of Cathedral Park" the woman (now in her 80's) contacted me. She did not want to be identified by name, for even decades later she was too shaken by what had occurred to her family to divulge a name. "I don't care how beautiful Cathedral Park becomes," she said in a halting, quivering voice, "Thelma is still down there, I know she is; she still walks the ground. My neighbors heard her too. She cried for our help and we could do nothing. I never before believed in ghosts or spirits, but now never doubt for a minute where Thelma Taylor is at; she's still there." Although her family never did set foot in Cathedral Park, she said they even avoided the St. Johns Bridge; they would travel to the Fremont Bridge to cross the Willamette River. "Just passing over the area is too much for me," she said, "I heard her, and people can say whatever they want, but lots of people heard Thelma, we were there, and that girl is still there!"

The idea of an apparition wandering Cathedral Park is something few care to consider. New housing and an upscale renaissance of residents makes the entire notion fanciful and silly. Events and contacts are now decades old. But for those who experienced the labored cry for help, the howling voice, and the shrill plea for assistance, the Ghost of Cathedral Park is very real and remains a haunting memory. You will not be able to convince one of them that Thelma Taylor has left the area.

I was just a kid at Roosevelt in the early 60's when I heard the rumor of a ghost under the bridge, and I gave it little thought. As a freshman, a girl who would become my imaginary, romantic conquest for years to come asked me to the Sadie Hawkins dance. I dreamt of her, and silently thought of ways to make myself worthy. Alas, other than allowing me to walk her to class and idle talk, my fantasy date never materialized, but thoughts of her still linger. Somehow, I still walk the halls of Roosevelt, and take her to class. I'm certain she had better sense than to become

involved with me, but it's odd how I remember the connection this many years later; first that of a beautiful child I wanted so badly, and also the rumor of Thelma Taylor's death which I recall most vividly my first months at RHS. One was of youthful, innocent infatuation and beauty, the other of ugly, unrelenting horror. I never gave Thelma Taylor any additional thought, but that was not the case with the girl! But as an amateur historian and chronicler of the area, I was re-introduced to the murder, and it carried me in a time warp of sorts, (something I'm prone to anyway,) to a place and time which brought back a flood of association and emotion.

Response from readers confirms the same reaction. Not a week goes by when someone I've never heard of will contact me with some type of eerie experience about ghosts and visions. People return to Cathedral Park and claim they now feel something! Whether any of this is true depends on how you process it. There remains a need to connect, an odd desire to be part of something that's nearly a febrile calling. I can neither confirm nor deny any of it, but what I can do is

ratify the story. Readers want that; to be left with the unanswered question, leaving the door ajar just far enough to peek in and find their own solutions.

Next, I'll look at other North Portland oddities as they apply to the supernatural, and try to bring life and clarification to stories of our peninsula.

About the Author:

Jim Speirs is a lifelong resident of North Portland, fourth generation. He is a published author and enjoys writing about North Portland's history.

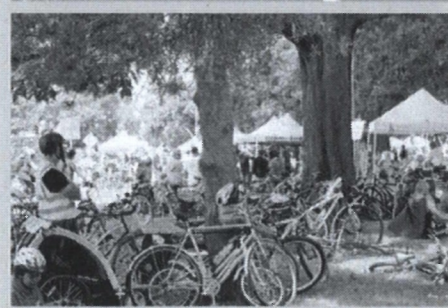
He was a teacher of Political Science at Portland Community College and Chemeketa Community College and taught the politics of WWII, Viet Nam, and Korea at both colleges. He still lives and works in North Portland.

Jim has seven published books: *Death In Spades; Flood of Change, and Tales of North Portland: Volumes I, II, III, IV, and V.* All are from his many articles in the St. Johns Review newspaper throughout his years as Historical Editor.

The *Tales* series are available for purchase at *Pattie's Home Plate*, and *St. Johns Deli & Grocery*, (both on Lombard in St. Johns) and the *Kenton Station* on N. Denver in Kenton.

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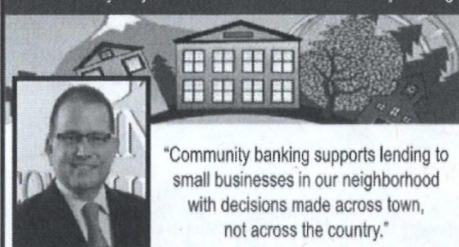
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New Columbia celebrates Grand Opening of bike skills park

Project made possible by a \$15,500 grant from PDC

Melinda Musser, Communications & Marketing Manager
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Residents of New Columbia and staff from the Community Cycling Center and Home Forward celebrated the grand opening of a new Bike Skills Park with a bike safety fair in mid July. The new park, located adjacent to the Bike Repair Hub on the corner of N. Trenton Street and N. Woolsey Avenue, offers a safe riding area for neighbors of all ages and skill levels.

"Last year, this once vacant lot transformed into a vibrant, active space for the New Columbia community with the completion of the Bike Repair Hub," noted Jonnie Ling Community Cycling Center's Director of Operations. "We are so excited to work with residents on skill development this year at the new Bike Skills Park; it's a dream that's been in the making for quite some time."

The Bike Skills Park project was made possible by a \$15,500 grant from the Portland Development Commission (PDC). Home Forward, the property owner, will provide ongoing maintenance and security for the Skills Park. We All Can Ride -- New Columbia's bike committee -- and Community Cycling Center staff and volunteers will offer residents group instruction and skill development training.

The Skills Park course includes beginning and advanced areas for people of all skill levels. The outside perimeter of the track contains looser turns and wider board rides for people at a beginning skill level. The beginner's loop also offers fun obstacles, like log rolls and a rock garden, giving people experience with uneven grade. The interior of the track contains tighter turns and narrower board rides,

boulder pinch points, advanced berms with tighter turns, and a teeter-totter obstacle for those that want to work on more advanced skill sets.

Depending on the age and skill level of the participants, the program instruction at the Bike Skills Park may include:

- Safety -- appropriate clothing and equipment to wear on the track; rules for the track.
- Basic bicycle balance -- ability to ride without falling; cycling dexterity and agility.
- Proper pedaling and breaking techniques -- building momentum and coming to a slow, controlled stop without skidding.
- Proper turning and steering techniques -- ability to execute a tight radius turn in both directions.
- Advanced bicycle balance -- standing high in the saddle and balancing while moving at slow speeds.
- Multiple task functions -- ability to brake, signal, balance, and turn

at the same time.

• Emergency maneuvers -- safe breaking techniques and avoidance of natural obstacles and hazards.

"I feel very connected to it because I feel that it's already a big deal with the [Bike Repair] Hub and the soccer field," says Doug Campbell, a We All Can Ride member. "The Skills Park will enlarge the place like a big magnet for kids and adults. I love the setting. The big Douglas Fir and Sycamore trees towering over the park as if to say this is heaven on Earth."

Top: Bike Skills Park celebration in July at New Columbia.

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Photo below: Melinda Musser

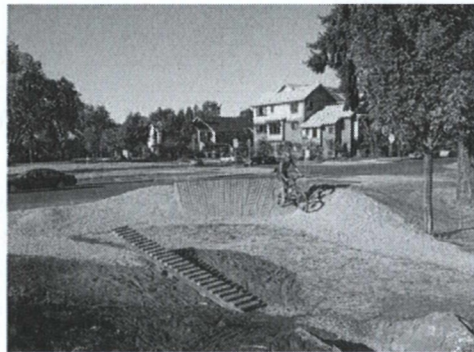


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Community News

University of Portland announces recent RISE Campaign gifts to help renovate Clark Library

University of Portland has announced recent RISE Campaign gifts totaling \$118,500 to help renovate the Clark Library, where a dedication ceremony for the general public is set for September 27.

The recent library gifts were from Eugene and Janet Wizer, who gave \$25,000; Cisco Systems, \$19,000; Chris and Kimra Corrado, \$15,000; Soderstrom Archi-

tecs, \$22,000; Todd Construction, \$10,000; the Rose E. Tucker Charitable Foundation, \$10,000; the estate of David Walter, \$10,000; and the Jackson Foundation, \$7,500. Eugene Wizer graduated from UP in 1960, Chris Corrado in 1982 and David Walter in 1958.

The library renovation and rebuilding project began in May 2012 and is expected to cost an

estimated \$12.5 million. Designs call for a new, modern library on the basic root structure of the old. The library was closed during the 2012-2013 academic year, and is set to reopen August 2013. Library services were offered during the interim year.

The renovated library will help facilitate new tools and resources for the University's students. While maintaining a similar infrastructure, many aspects of the library will change from the renovation. The new library entrance will face the Academic Quad and will be open for students 24 hours a day.

The reopening of the Clark Library is set for August 12. The library staff is busy moving into the building and adjusting to the new features. The usual online resources are available, as well as interlibrary loan (ILL) service for

article requests. For more information contact the library at 503-943-7111 or library@up.edu, or go to <http://library.up.edu>.

A public event celebrating the reopening and dedication of Clark Library is set for 2-5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27.

The gifts are part of the University's RISE Campaign, which was announced in December 2010 and seeks to raise \$175 million by 2014. The RISE Campaign, which has raised more than \$161 million to date, is one of the largest development campaigns ever for a Pacific Northwest private college or university.

The campaign's goals are divided into four major themes, each with funding targets: (1) Pursuing academic excellence and faculty funding - \$70 million; (2) Providing access for all students and direct assistance - \$45 million; (3) Developing faith and leadership - \$10 million; and (4) Enriching the campus community and physical resources - \$50 million.

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ing scholarships to deserving students since approximately 1946. No one knows for sure how many have been given because no records have been kept, but it's been at least one, sometimes two, each and every year.

"The scholarships awarded by the Peninsula Optimists are for students not necessarily headed to a four-year university," said spokesperson Sharon Speer. "Although many recipients do have that eventual goal. However, they are beginning their college experience at a community college or at a vocational school." This year Stephanie Martinez and Laurel Malloy received \$1500 each.

Laurel will attend Portland Community College and hopes to transfer to PSU and complete a teaching degree so she can work with high school kids.

Stephanie will begin her studies at Portland Community College and hopes to one day transfer to a four-year University and complete a degree in Criminal Justice so she can either work in Criminal Investigating or Community Policing.

The availability of the scholarships is made known through the counselor's office at Roosevelt High School. Students can fill out an application and write an essay to questions asked. Then a panel reviews each application to determine the winners.

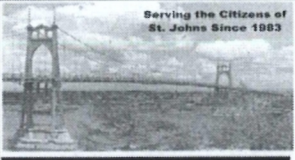
Scholarship Chair Bill van Nostran said it was a difficult decision to make this year because they had many excellent candidates - 14, which is the most applications they've had in several years.

Speer said, "We are trying to build our investment fund so that we can offer more than two scholarships per year. This has been a slow process because of our support of the TWRSA, to the tune of \$55,000. Now that their fund has topped \$200,000 we hope to increase our own scholarship fund to either increase the size of our awards, or provide even more scholarships to deserving students at Roosevelt."

Last year the Optimist held a fund-raising dinner for the scholarship fund, which brought in a little over \$1000. "We plan to do this again in February, and hopefully have a bigger turnout, she added.

Tickets will be available for purchase during the Optimist's Christmas tree sales. After that tickets can be obtained from Optimist members at the door, or by calling Sharon at 503-490-2889.

They also hope to start participating in the Pacific NW Optimists essay and oratorical competitions this coming school year. The winners would be sponsored by the Peninsula Optimists and eligible to compete for \$2500 scholarships.



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I have to exercise in the morning before my brain figures out what I'm doing

I don't exercise at all. If God meant for us to touch our toes he would have put them further up our bodies.

I love long walks - especially when they're taken by people who annoy me.

I have flabby legs but fortunately my stomach covers them.

The advantage of exercising every day is that you die healthier.

I don't jog. It makes the ice jump right out of my glass.

A letter to Ann Landers in the 1950s

Dear Ann Landers,

The question I'd like to pose to you is this: Which would a bingo addict choose if she had to make a choice?

My wife belongs to a car pool. The women travel five evenings a week to different bingo palaces. I don't see how they can stand this, but not one of these women would miss a game unless she was hospitalized.

Recently I posed this question to my wife: "Assume there are two doors. One leads to a lavish bedroom with a bar, stereo, waterbed and room service, and I was there waiting for you. The other door leads to the Bingo Emporium. Your seat is reserved, bingo is on the house and your cards are on the table. Which door would you choose?"

My wife thought for a few minutes, carefully evaluating both options. Finally she asked, "How many cards?"

Actually she's a great lady and that line has now become a standard joke in our house.

Herbert Lanham

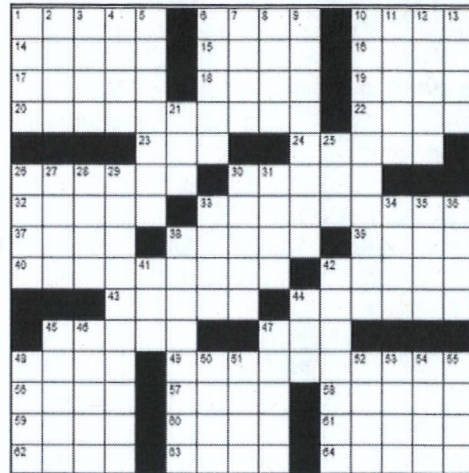
Golden Rules to live by

- 1) If you open it, close it.
- 2) If you turn it on, turn it off
- 3) If you unlock it, lock it back up
- 4) If you break it, admit it
- 5) If you can't fix it, call in someone who can
- 6) If you borrow it, return it
- 7) If you value it, take care of it
- 8) If you make a mess, clean it up
- 9) If you move it, put it back
- 10) If it belongs to someone else and you want to use it, get permission
- 11) If you don't know how to operate it, leave it alone
- 12) If it's none of your business, don't ask questions
- 13) If it ain't broken, don't fix it
- 14) If it will brighten someone's day - say it!

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Highway inn
6. "Wise birds"
10. Enemies
14. Love intensely
15. Cry out
16. Almond
17. Tropical vine
18. Doing nothing
19. Whirl
20. Nebulous
22. Pushpin
23. Captain's journal
24. A liquid wall covering
26. Moody
30. Ruffle
32. A northern people
33. Producing in abundance
37. Not first
38. This cradles a broken arm
39. Nil
40. Furthest away
42. Risk
43. Respond
44. Spring
45. A preliminary version of a written work
47. Flipper
48. Inflammation of the big toe
49. From that time on



56. Doozy
57. Lack of difficulty
58. Crown
59. ____-friendly
60. Magical symbol
61. Mistake

62. No more than
 63. Sleight
 64. Detect
- DOWN**
1. Anagram of "Lima"
 3. Chief Norse god

10. Plant food
11. Sea
12. Construct
13. Post
21. Charged particle
25. Computer key
26. Fodder holder
27. A Central American sloth
28. Craving
29. Creative writing
30. Impose
31. Peewee
33. Alliance
34. Nonflowering plant
35. Murres
36. Recline
38. Dabbles
41. Game official (abbrev.)
42. Household gods of the ancient Romans
44. Compete
45. Extinguish
46. King
47. Liberated
48. Dour
50. Take
51. Feudal worker
52. Flame
53. Mountain pool
54. God of love
55. Scarce

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Roosevelt Cheer Squad brings home five trophies

Congratulations to the Roosevelt High School Cheer Squad who returned from the University of Portland UCA Cheer Camp with five trophies.

Leinaala Slaughter, one of the team coaches, said, "We've been working towards competing and continue to raise the bar for the cheer program with 13 great students this year." They are: Seniors, Melissa DeLara, Wendy Gonzalez, and Durriyyah Rahman. Juniors: Carolina Sanchez, Kianna Serrano, Antonija Blocker, Rakiyah Perry, and Meika Barney. Sophomore: Olivia Aubrey. Freshman: Korah Vonderahe, Natalie Srisoontorn, Ximena Rojas, and Kale'anahe Slaughter.

At the camp the young ladies learned cheers, dances, leadership, how to help their school with spir-

it, new stunts and safety for stunting. Along with all day instruction, they were able to connect with other squads from around Oregon and Washington, and present Roosevelt's fight song and home dance. At the end, they competed in everything they learned in front of the entire camp.

"Our squad performed amazingly well," said Slaughter, and came away with five trophies. The girls also earned a Spirit Stick every night and brought home the Banana, which is a very high honor."

The squad put up six girls for All American and got back three: Rakiyah Perry, Kianna Serrano and Carolina Sanchez.

The five trophies the team won are: Cheer (2nd), Overall (1st), Extreme (2nd), Home Dance (1st), and Superior trophy.



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